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Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know from the hon. Minister when this Bill was made ready by the Religious Endowments Board and for how long it has been under the scrutiny of the Government ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" It is now, as I said yesterday, in the hands of the Law (Drafting) Department."

Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—" That is no answer to my question."

Arms and Explosives

Issue of licences to shooting clubs.

* 1654 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) the number of shooting clubs to which licences have been granted under rule 32 of the Indian Arms Rules ; and

(b) what the conditions of these licences are ?

A.—(a) Four.

(b) The conditions are printed in the form of licence of which a copy is appended [a].

Depressed Classes

Aid to Depressed Classes for improving the lands assigned to them.

* 1655 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that only a small portion of the land assigned to Adi-Dravidas in South Kanara has been brought under cultivation ; and

(b) if so, what steps the Government propose to take to help the Adi-Dravidas in improving the land assigned to them ?

A.—(a) & (b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to paragraph 64 of the Administration Report of the Labour Department for 1927–28. The question whether the Adi-Dravidas in the South Kanara district should be given lands free of assessment for the first few years is under the consideration of Government.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" May I know whether the Government are contemplating any other steps to help these people in improving the lands assigned to them ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" No, Sir."

Emigration.

Recruitment of labourers from this province.

* 1656 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of persons recruited as labourers from this province ;

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(*b*) the province, the colony, state or country where they are living; and

(*c*) whether any enquiry is made by this Government with regard to the condition of their wages and life?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) As the hon. Member is aware "Emigration" and "Inter-provincial migration" are central subjects.

Under the Indian Emigration Act, VII of 1922, emigration is now lawful only to Ceylon and Malaya. The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the Emigration and Immigration Report, 1927, which has been placed on the Editors' table in G.O. No. 1261 L., dated 8th May 1928, from which it will be seen that the total number of emigrants to these countries during the year 1927 was 220,700. Migration to other provinces and states within India except to Assam is not controlled by any law. Recruitment to the labour districts in Assam is made in accordance with the provisions of the Assam Labour and Emigration Act, VI of 1901. The total number of persons recruited for the labour districts in Assam for the year ended 30th June 1928 was 8,211.

(*c*) No. The condition of life and wages, etc., are explained to the labourers before they are recruited.

Labour

Employment of students trained in the Perambur Industrial Institute.

*1657 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state with reference to answer to question No. 240 answered on 8th September 1928—

(*a*) the number of boys that left the Perambur Industrial school;

(*b*) how many of them are now employed;

(*c*) whether the Commissioner of Labour has submitted the proposals referred to in answer to the above question; and

(*d*) what these proposals are?

A.—(*a*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the Annual Reports on the working of the Perambur Industrial School which have been placed on the Editors' Table.

(*b*) Of the 18 boys who were employed in firms in Madras and referred to in answer to question No. 240 asked at the meeting of the Legislative Council of 8th September 1928 four have since absconded. The Government have no further information on the point.

(*c*) & (*d*) Yes; on the recommendation of the Commissioner of Labour the Government have sanctioned the abolition of the Industrial school as the results of its working were not satisfactory and have approved of the conversion of the premises into a hostel for industrial students or apprentices belonging to the depressed classes.